

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to security requirements for the Summit of the Americas.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the May 11, 2022 Board of Police Commissioners (Board) report, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.
2. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), in cooperation with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and other relevant City entities, to report in regard to reimbursement opportunities for security expenses incurred in sponsoring the Summit of the Americas.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Board. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On May 24, 2022, your Committee considered a May 11, 2022 Board report relative to security requirements for the Summit of the Americas. According to the Board, the sheer number of events and venues, both primary and auxiliary, places an unprecedented staffing requirement on the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Due to the unique security concerns presented by the nature of attendees, the venues in many cases must be entirely secured and subject to a hard closure. This involves the establishment of a perimeter, then a sweep by use of bomb detection canine and other hazardous materials detection equipment. This perimeter must be maintained in conjunction with governed entry control points permitting only credentialed access. For several event locations, this secured footprint will be maintained 24 hours per day, for multiple days depending on the duration of the event.

The LAPD must also consider the fact the stated basic intent of this event, international discourse on shared governmental concerns, and the various social and geo-political topics being addressed, are likely to spur public interest, activism and potential demonstrations. Prior Summit of the Americas have resulted in large scale demonstrations that have, unfortunately, devolved into riotous behavior. LAPD personnel assigned to Summit preparation efforts have already noted various social media posts reflecting high levels of interest by historically active protest groups. Analysis of the various events has led to the identification of at least three separate events/venues we believe are likely to attract some level of demonstration or protest. It should be noted each of these are multi-day events at separately located In recognition of this fact pattern and concerns, the United States Secret Service is currently exploring options for the construction of physical barriers (involving cement K-rail and chain link fencing) surrounding the venue for the primary Leaders' Summit, plenary and bilateral meetings

as well as those locations likely to provide overnight accommodations for a significant number of dignitaries.

Other than requiring and arranging for hard security barriers or perimeter obstacles (K-rail and fencing) at certain venues, federal authorities will have no further involvement in site protection or crowd control. Their primary (and sole) function remains the protection of high-ranking dignitaries and their immediate removal should a threat arise. Overall site protection and crowd control and crowd management remain the sole responsibility of local authorities, specifically the LAPD. Significant staffing will be dedicated to standby elements (mobile field forces) capable of immediately responding to support fixed site security personnel as well as conduct crowd control or crowd management maneuvers as required. In addition, such standby elements must be sufficiently staffed to effectively respond and address such needs at a minimum of three separate locations, concurrently.

A representatives from the LAPD responded for questions from the Committee members and concern was expressed by the Committee over the costs associated with sponsoring the Summit, both security and non-security related as well as reimbursement opportunities from the Federal Government. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the Board report. Also, the Committee moved to instruct the CAO, in cooperation with relevant City entities, to report back in regard to reimbursements the City will receive for security expenses incurred in sponsoring the Summit of the Americas. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Economic Development and Jobs Committee



COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
PRICE:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	ABSENT

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